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Dear Wr. Yorke,

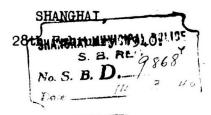
I wish to thank you for the information contained in the memorandum of the 14th instant regarding Fr. F.J. Ferod, which was very helpful.

Ymrs sincerely,

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R.W. Yorke, Esquire, Shanghai Municipal Folice, SHAUGUAL.

British Consulate-General,



Dear Mr. Yorke,

I enclose a copy of a letter received from Mrs. Herod enquiring as to the whereabouts of her husband Mr. Ernest John Herod (known as Hiram).

There is no trace of Mr. Herod ever having registered at this Consulate-General (1915-1940) and there is also no trace of any passport facilities having been granted to him (1916-1939).

Can you possibly help us please?.

Yours sincerely,

Passport Control Officer.

R. W. York; Esquire, Shanghai Municipal Police, SHANGHAI.

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Brighton Road, Lancing, England. 5/2/40.

The British Consul-General, Shanghai, China.

Dear Sir,

I have been advised by the British Consul of Sourabaya, Java to write to you regarding my husband Mr. Ernest John Herod, known as Hiram J. Herod. He was, on my leaving Singapore for home leave, employed by H. M. Naval Base S'pore. Things went wrong, exactly what, I do not know, but he did not write to me after a few months and I have had to trace him through solicitors. I located him in Java. He left there for, I believe, Shanghai on August 18th or 19th 1939. He has not kept his promise to notify the B.C. of Sourabaya of this address so we are all without the slightest trace of him and I was, as stated before, advised to write to you to see if he has made contact with your office, or maybe you could find him. His description is as follows:-

6 ft. ½ inch tall
Fair hair
Eyes blue
Scar over right eyebrow.
Well built
Weight 168-169 lbs
Legs badly scarred from war wounds and leech bites, also
varicose veins (not bad)

He told me in the last letter sent from Java he was joining the Chinese Army. I do hope and pray you can give me news of him. We have not quarrelled or had any ill feeling. He was, he said in his letters just longing for me to return.

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I had then only been home three months, so you can guess how I feel with his silence.

Please forgive any trouble I am giving you, but I do so want to try and find him and if possible to start him on a happier existence than he has been living lately.

I am,

Yours faithfully.

(SIGNED) DOROTHY D. HEROD.